



LYNNFIELD

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Lynnfield is a traditional New England residential community which has an open town meeting form of government, headed by a three-member Board of Selectmen. Its residents enjoy the small town feeling while within a short commute of Boston's cultural and employment opportunities. Lynnfield's school system is very highly regarded, residents note proudly, sending over eighty percent of its graduates to college. Of particular pride to the community is the diversity of religious denominations and ethnic backgrounds within the town. The community also offers a wide range of organizations for all ages, including Rotary, the Lion's Club, Art Guild, Townscape and the Historical Society.

The center of the town is graced by The Common, a small green bordered by historic structures including the Lynnfield Meeting House built in 1714 and the Lynnfield Public Library, which was built just before the Civil War. The town provides a wide spectrum of recreational facilities with ball fields, tennis and golf courses and parks.

Residents claim that the success of the town is due to the involvement of so many members of the community on town boards, the excellence of town employees and the community's commitment to including people young and older in developing and maintaining a high quality of life for all.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by North Reading on the north; Reading on the west; Middleton, Peabody, and Lynn on the east; and Saugus and Wakefield on the south. Lynnfield is 15 miles north of Boston, 19 miles east of Concord, 28 miles south of Newburyport, and 235 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 10.49 sq. miles

Land Area: 10.15 sq. miles

Population: 11,274

Density: 1,111 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Reading, Salem

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 334-3180

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Assistant
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1814

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	7,566		
Democrats	1,730	22.9	%
Republicans	1,735	22.9	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	4,101	54.2	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Lynnfield town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	11,542	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	11,542	100.0
Male.....	5,658	49.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	77	0.7
Female.....	5,884	51.0	Mexican.....	11	0.1
Under 5 years.....	795	6.4	Puerto Rican.....	17	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	794	6.9	Cuban.....	3	-
10 to 14 years.....	830	7.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	46	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	704	6.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	11,465	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	360	3.1	White alone.....	11,107	96.2
25 to 34 years.....	932	8.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,933	16.7	Total population.....	11,542	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,909	16.5	In households.....	11,530	99.9
55 to 59 years.....	768	6.7	Householder.....	4,186	36.3
60 to 64 years.....	590	5.1	Spouse.....	2,955	25.6
65 to 74 years.....	1,019	8.8	Child.....	3,808	33.0
75 to 84 years.....	772	6.7	Own child under 18 years.....	2,768	24.0
85 years and over.....	196	1.7	Other relatives.....	378	3.3
Median age (years).....	42.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	93	0.8
18 years and over.....	8,676	75.2	Nonrelatives.....	203	1.8
Male.....	4,163	36.1	Unmarried partner.....	87	0.8
Female.....	4,513	39.1	In group quarters.....	12	0.1
21 years and over.....	8,398	72.8	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	2,341	20.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	12	0.1
65 years and over.....	1,987	17.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	897	7.8	Total households.....	4,186	100.0
Female.....	1,090	9.4	Family households (families).....	3,350	80.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,466	35.0
One race.....	11,465	99.3	Married-couple family.....	2,955	70.6
White.....	11,165	96.7	With own children under 18 years.....	1,327	31.7
Black or African American.....	50	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	283	6.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	-	-	With own children under 18 years.....	108	2.6
Asian.....	222	1.9	Nonfamily households.....	836	20.0
Asian Indian.....	71	0.6	Householder living alone.....	730	17.4
Chinese.....	79	0.7	Householder 65 years and over.....	439	10.5
Filipino.....	11	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,525	36.4
Japanese.....	5	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,401	33.5
Korean.....	33	0.3	Average household size.....	2.75	(X)
Vietnamese.....	16	0.1	Average family size.....	3.13	(X)
Other Asian ¹	7	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	4,273	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,186	98.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	87	2.0
Samoa.....	3	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	24	0.6
Some other race.....	24	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	77	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	4,186	100.0
White.....	11,234	97.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,950	94.4
Black or African American.....	54	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	236	5.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	9	0.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.80	(X)
Asian.....	269	2.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.00	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	0.1			
Some other race.....	46	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	72
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Lynnfield is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 1 and State Route 128 (Interstate 95).

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from Reading Depot (travel time: 28-31 min.; 113 MBTA parking spaces) and Wakefield Station (22-25 min.; 117 spaces). Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

Bus

Lynnfield is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

Other

The Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility located 3 mi. NW of Beverly Center, has three asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Logan International Airport is easily accessible from Lynnfield on the Blue Line to Airport Station where there is shuttle bus service to all terminals.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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